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1. Q. Do you know of any friction existing between American and Portuguese geologists in Angola? 25X1X6
2. A. Yes, there is, but it applies only to junior geologists of both countries. There is a very harmonious and cooperative relationship existing between the senior geologists, of which there are only eight or ten. However, the situation is not serious and only creates a little hard feelings between the two groups, and I don't know of anything that can be done to correct the situation.
3. Mineral explorations now going on in Angola are being done by the Portuguese government, with financial aid from the Marshall Plan. There are about 50 geologists in all working on these projects, 15 of whom are Portuguese. The remainder are from other US mining companies. Junior Portuguese geologists receive less pay than American junior geologists, and when they see that they are doing the same work as the US geologists, they have become bitter and have reported same to the Portuguese government, in Lisbon. Up to June 1953, there has been no remedial action taken by the Portuguese government.
4. This same situation applies to the mineral exploration operations in Mozambique.

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